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SUBJ: BOYCOTT: ARAB LEAGUE EXPERTS COMMITTEE

REF CAIRO 7086,

1. CAIRO PRESS OF APRIL 30 CARRIED SLIGHTLY EXPANDED VERSION
OF ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED REFTEL ON ACTIVITIES OF EXPERTS
COMMITTEE FORMED BY ARAB LEAGUE TO STUDY BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

AND WORK OUT ANEW STRATEGY FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. ARTICLES ALSO COVERED STATEMENTS BY AL ASST SEC GEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SAYED NOFAL TO EFFECT THAT IN ADDITION TO EXAMINING HOW ECONOMIC CHANGES OVER PAST 25 YEARS HAVE AFFECTED ARAB INTERESTS FROM BOYCOTT POINT OF VIEW, EXPERTS (NAMED IN REFTTEL) WOULD ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REVIEWING THE WORK PERFORMED BY BOYCOTT OFFICIALS IN LIAISON OFFICES AND SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

2. GAMAL EL SORANY, OF CAIRO PLO OFFICE AND MEMBER OF NEW COMMITTEE, IS QUOTED AS AFFIRMING BOYCOTT IS A LEGITIMATE AND RECOGNIZED MEANS FOR ADVANCING A NATION'S INTERESTS, AND IN THE CASE OF THE ARABS, IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPONS THEY HAVE AGAINST ISRAEL.

3. COMMENT: BOTH ASPECTS OF AL CONCERN OVER BOYCOTT HAVE NOW BEEN SURFACED PUBLICLY: OPERATIONS OF BOYCOTT COMMISSION BUREAUCRACY AND HOW BEST TO SERVE ARAB INTERESTS, TWO NOT NECESSARILY COMPLEMENTARY FACETS OF SAME PROBLEM. GREATER POLITICAL CONTROL OVER COMMISSION AND ITS OFFICES SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE INSTANCES OF EXCESSIVE ZEAL WHICH HAVE GIVEN BOYCOTT BAD (IF NOT NECESSARILY JUSTIFIED) NAME, PARTICULARLY IN US., AND CLOSER EXAMINATION OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ARABS THEMSELVES SHOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ADJUSTING THE PROGRAM. KEY QUESTION WILL BE WHETHER TO LOOSEN OR TIGHTEN BLACKLIST RULES, WITH EGYPT, FOR ONE, IN FAVOR OF LIBERALIZATION. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE (EGYPT, SYRIA AND SAUDI ARABIA VS IRAQ/ AND PLO) MAY BE REASONABLE INDICATION THAT IS REPORT WILL TEND IN THAT DIRECTION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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